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TOTAL CLAIMS	49	MINUS	49	= 0	X \$50	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	8	MINUS	8	= 0	X \$200	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$360	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$120.00	2ND MONTH \$450.00	3RD MONTH \$1020.00	4TH MONTH \$1590.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated JUNE 27, 2005, applicant elects Group I including claims 1-23 and 38-46 with traverse.

The Examiner has divided claims 1-49 into 3 groups as follows:

Group I: 1-23 and 38-46

Group II: 24-27

Group III: 28-37 and 47-49

I. Distinction of Groups I and II

With respect to groups I and II, the Examiner has reasoned "inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects. In the instant case the different inventions have different modes of operation. [Group] I describes the optical path in a channel, [Group] II describes the path as in the planar layer." (06/27/2005 Restriction Requirement, p. 2)

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 38 (Group I) and 24 (Group II) state: